

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 212

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lauren Kelsey Owens
for earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold
Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of the USA is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development and instills in them an understanding of community and a deep sense of self-respect; and

WHEREAS, the highest award a Girl Scout between the ages of 14 and 17 can attain is the Gold Award, and Lauren Kelsey Owens, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the select group of individuals who may wear the prestigious Gold Award pin; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award is the culmination of tremendous effort, concentration, and diligence by a Girl Scout; it signifies the deep dedication to her community and to herself a Girl Scout gains through participation in the organization; and

WHEREAS, Lauren's notable record of achievement as a member of her Girl Scout Troop, the Smoky Shadows Service Unit, includes many patches, awards, and a history of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, to receive the award, Girls Scouts must complete five requirements, all of which demand efficient organizational, time management, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, further, a Senior Girl Scout must build on her experiences in Girl Scouting to complete a Gold Award project, which provides an opportunity for her to put her leadership skills, career, interests, and personal values together to serve her community; and

WHEREAS, for her Gold Award Project, Miss Owens exhibited all of the finest qualities of volunteerism and service to others by assisting the members of the Fort Sanders Sevier Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Owens, an excellent student and a senior at Sevier County High School, has also worked an after-school job since her sophomore year, which has enabled her to attend a school-sponsored trip to Europe and to attend a DECA meeting held in New York; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young woman has competed in the state DECA competition in Nashville, and in April of this year she will be competing in the national DECA competition to be held in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, evincing a strong commitment to academics and the arts, Miss Owens is a member of the National Honor Society and also serves as President of the Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the many demands placed upon her by school and work, Lauren Owens will graduate with twenty-one college credit hours from Walters State Community College, and she is most appreciative of having had the opportunity to participate in the dual-enrollment classes offered through Walters State; and

WHEREAS, possessing an unwavering sense of civic dedication, Miss Owens lends her time and energies to several worthy causes and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Miss Owens's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parent, Tesa L. Brown, her sister, Heather Ashley Owens, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Lauren Owens as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lauren Kelsey Owens for earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.